

## **Folsom Prison Show Description**

### **Official Billing-**

**Folsom Prison Experience - A Johnny Cash music/dramatic production**

### **Extra Large-**

**Step Back in Time for a Drama-Filled Journey with Folsom Prison Experience!**

Prepare for a high-intensity recreation of one of Johnny Cash's most significant days in his musical career - a day that history now looks back on with amazement. While Johnny was going through a tough period, having just ended his first marriage, the band struggled to get him interested in recording in the studio. Their bold solution? Record LIVE in a prison. But what seemed simple turned into a whirlwind of drama!

Join us for the Folsom Prison Experience, an immersive tribute drama directed by Stephanie Long, taking you back to that extraordinary day. Witness the challenges and triumphs as Johnny Cash and his band, the Tennessee 3, face a captive audience in Folsom Prison. Experience the raw emotions that shaped this iconic performance.

And here's the best part - YOU get to be a part of it all! Dress in your finest prison inmate attire and become one of THE PRISONERS of Folsom Prison. You'll feel the intensity of the moment as you immerse yourself in this captivating production.

Starring the incredible Jay Ernest from the Church of Cash, this impressive cast includes the talented Kat Perkins, Ryan Maddux, Dan Hopman, Ryan Nelson, Jonathon TeBeest, Tony Wirth, Nic Johnson, Bronson Bergeson, Poppa Bear Norton, and more!

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the drama, the music, and the soul of Johnny Cash's historic Folsom Prison performance. Get ready for a thrilling journey that will leave you spellbound and cheering for more!

### **Large-**

Prepare to step back in time and immerse yourself in the unforgettable atmosphere of the legendary 1968 Johnny Cash show at Folsom Prison, where the spirit of that historic day springs to life. As the doors swing open, you'll find yourself instantly transformed into an inmate, ready to embark on a captivating firsthand experience. Marvel at the

commanding presence of Johnny Cash himself, joined by the incomparable June Carter and the melodious harmonies of the Statler Brothers. Sense the palpable tension as the watchful warden and his guards maintain order within the prison walls. Leading you through this extraordinary journey is the ever-serious emcee, Hugh Cherry. Get ready to be transported, as you become an integral part of this immersive tribute, capturing the raw energy and soul that made the Folsom Prison performance truly remarkable. A memorable show for all ages.

### **Medium-**

Step into the shoes of an inmate at Folsom Prison in 1968 and participate in the electrifying Johnny Cash show. Feel the palpable tension as the watchful Warden and his guards keep a vigilant eye, while Johnny Cash, June Carter, and the Statler Brothers ignite the stage with their timeless music. Be part of the historic performance!

### **Short-**

Unleash the rebel within as you become an inmate at Folsom Prison in 1968, immersing yourself in an electrifying Johnny Cash Tribute show.

## **-Press Release-**

### **Step Back in Time with Folsom Prison Experience: An Electrifying Johnny Cash Tribute Show**

(MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA) - The iconic 1968 live recording, "At Folsom Prison," turned Johnny Cash into a crossover superstar, defying conventions and leaving a lasting legacy. Now, get ready to relive the unforgettable day of January 13, 1968, as Folsom Prison Experience takes the stage - an immersive tribute drama that merges live concert, stage drama, and audience participation to bring you into the heart of Johnny Cash's legendary musical journey.

### **Fascinating and Full-Contact Tribute Drama**

Folsom Prison Experience brings to life the enthralling behind-the-scenes tales of Cash's historic concerts at California's Folsom Prison. You'll be transported back in time, witnessing the captivating performances of Johnny Cash, June Carter, and the Statler Brothers, as if you were part of that iconic event. Dubbed a "full contact immersive tribute drama," this musical extravaganza promises to be an experience like no other.

## **Featuring the Award-Winning Church of Cash**

At the heart of the production is Church of Cash, the acclaimed Johnny Cash tribute show, led by the remarkable Jay Ernest as the Man in Black. Co-written by Ernest and his collaborator Tom Pickard, Folsom Prison Experience weaves a rich tapestry of music, drama, and history that will leave audiences spellbound.

## **A Personal and Professional Milestone**

For Jay Ernest, bringing Folsom Prison Experience to life is both a personal and professional milestone. "I have spent years studying the history and music of Johnny Cash," Ernest shares, "and it is a great honor to bring that historic day in Folsom Prison to theater enthusiasts and Johnny Cash fans alike."

## **An All-Star Cast**

Folsom Prison Experience boasts an exceptional cast, with Jay Ernest channeling the spirit of Johnny Cash, supported by the talented band members of Church of Cash as Cash's band. The production is directed by Stephanie Long with Tom Pickard as technical director. The lineup also includes Kat Perkins as June Carter, Dan Hopman as The Warden, Ryan Maddux as Emcee Hugh Cherry, and Bronson Bergson as Glen Shirley/Carl Perkins, along with a dozen more actors portraying prison guards and the Statler Brothers.

## **A Labor of Love**

Writing Folsom Prison Experience was a two-month labor of love for Ernest and Pickard, drawing from a wealth of historical sources and folklore to craft an inclusive and authentic portrayal of that pivotal day. The incorporation of songs from Cash's second live-in-a-prison album, "At San Quentin," adds another layer of depth to this extraordinary stage production.

## **Don't Miss This Unforgettable Journey**

For a journey through time and a celebration of the Man in Black, join Folsom Prison Experience and let the spirit of Johnny Cash live on in your heart.